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**ARMED LOUISVILLE DRUG DEALER PLEADS GUILTY TO NARCOTICS AND
GUN OFFENSES**

- Bradley possessed crack and cocaine with the intent to distribute
and a firearm in residential neighborhood*
- Discovered after LMPD responds to call about home invasion*

LOUISVILLE, KY - Michael Bradley, age 30, of Louisville, Kentucky in Jefferson County, pled guilty on January 15, 2008, to possession with the intent to distribute crack and cocaine, possession of marijuana, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and possession of a firearm by a felon, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

Bradley admitted that on December 18, 2006, he knowingly and intentionally possessed with the intent to distribute more than five grams of crack cocaine; a mixture containing a detectable amount of cocaine; and marijuana at his home in Louisville, Kentucky. Bradley also admitted possessing a Colt Detective Special .32 caliber revolver in connection with the drug offenses and after having been previously convicted of First Degree Possession of Cocaine, a felony, on April 15, 1997 in Jefferson County. The drugs seized have an approximate street value of \$5,638. Police discovered the drugs after responding to a call about a home invasion that occurred at Bradley's home, during which at least one shot was fired in a residential neighborhood.

The maximum potential penalties are imprisonment for life; a \$7,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 24 years; and the minimum potential penalties are 15 years imprisonment, and supervised release for a period of 14 years.

The plea was entered before Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Bradley is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Russell on April 30, 2008, at 12:00 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ann Claire Phillips. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department , as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Louisville Metro Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

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